THE RANCH AT THE WOLVERINE

A tale of the wild outdoor life of pioneer days that called forth all the courage and resourcefulness of men and women inured to danger and hardship

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CHAPTER XIV.

Billy Louise Gets a Surprise.

she had thought them dead forever, got a few things to say to you." Billy Louise rode up the narrow, that the canker of old influences had the chair as he directed. eaten more deeply than appeared on Ward, keeping the gun pointing her temples. were as uncompromising as her own. his eyes wide open to the wrong he croupy resonance.

treachery of it. She believed he had bluff this time, waiting to catch me lieved she had seen him, which was sized epithets strange to her ears,)

saw that it was not yet noon-so much | business like I've always done. may happen in two or three hours!and sent Blue up the hill at a lope.

censured, as she passed them by.

ning nicker and turned her head. to protect myself right, Here came Rattler, thin-flanked and threat and trotted alongside them.

Billy Louise rode with puckered eyestock. Where was Ward? What had But he made a big mistake when he against it for fair." He coughed. happened to him? She looked again threw in with you, you-

and fastened so that they could not get in. She opened it and looked in. d shut it again. Then she turned and ran, white-faced, to the cabin. Where was Ward? What had happened to Ward? Thief or honest man. trencherous or true-what had happened to him?

Billy Louise saw the doorstep banked over with old, crusted snow. Her heart gave a jump and stopped still. She feit her knees shake under her. Her face seemed to pinch together, the flesh clinging close to the bones. Her whole being seemed to contract with dendly fear that gripped her. It was like that chill morning when she had erept out of her cot and gone over to mommie's bed and had lifted momnile's hand that was hanging down. . .

She came to herself; she was running up the creek, away from the cabin. Running and stumbling over rocks, and getting tripped with her riding skirt. She stopped, as soon as she realized what she was doing; she stopped and stood with her hands pressed hard against each side of her face, forcing herself to calmness again -or at least to sanity. She had to go

cabin, slowly, with shaking legs and a heart that fluttered and stopped, fluttered and jumped and stopped, and I'm aching for an excuse-" He made her stagger as she walked. She stopped and coughed again, hoarsely your other patient, Wilhelmina? How's reached the doorstep and stood there rackingly. Then he lay quiet, except with her palms pressing hard against for his rasping breath and watched. her checks again. "You've got to do Billy Louise, with the tablet on her

him dead-dead and horrible perhans. No other solution seemed to fit the and waited, making scrawly marks cried until Ward's excited mutterings light yellow sensations of sight. circumstances. He was in there, dead. that had no meaning at all. She saw warned her that she must pull herself It took courage to open that door, but Isily Louise had courage enough saw his head turn wearily on the pilto open it, and to step inside and close low. He was staring out through the brokenly, fighting for her former safe namu," a species of maple common in we would like to be able to look into the door after her. She did not look window at the brilliant blue of the cheerfulness, "I'm all right. Pity Korea and known in parts of Man- the future and to perceive the results at anything in the cabin while she did sky with the dazzling white clouds yourself, if you've got to pity some- churis, have given results so promis- of all causes and the reasons for all It, though. She kept her eyelids down drifting like bits of cotton to the north- body. I-can stand-my trouble. I ing as to be noticed in a British conso that she only saw the floor directly ward. He had forgotten her. in front of the door. She had a sense of relief that it looked perfectly nat ural, though dusty.

hoarsely from the bunk. Billy Louise gasped and pulled her gun, and minute or two, weighing the posfropped crouching to the floor. Also

RIGHTENED, worried, sick at relentlessly. "Get up from there!" he enough to hurt her! Perhaps her femheart because her crowding doubts ordered sternly. "Don't try any game inline assurance of her hold on him, and suspicions had suddenly de- like that on me, Buck Olney! Get up more than her courage, kept her nerves then, and give you sage tea. That's nail and bore relentlessly down upon

Billy Louise somehow grasped the

suffer terribly with that keen, analyti- that he would harm her. He had whis- can think of. Even got a grouch against was no nice way for a hookin'-cough it feel?" cal mind of his, when he stopped to kers two inches long. She wouldn't the Flower of the Ranch-oh!" Her man to do. think at all. He had no warped ethics have known him except for his hair- voice was crooningly soft and sweet, wherewith to ease his conscience. She and that was terribly tousled; and his as if she were murmuring over a sleepy knew his ideas of right and wrong eyes, though they were wild and angry. baby. His voice was hoarse, and while he Ward closed his eyes, opened them, and if he stole cattle, he did it with glared at her, he coughed with a hard, and looked up into her face. One

had seen Ward ride away from it in hung you, you -!" (Billy Louise It down away from his fingers, and the dusk of the evening; or she be- listened round-eyed to certain man- when he still paid no attention, she the same thing. And she knew what "I suppose you and Foxy and that against the footboard. Ward did not lay behind him. Was his version of halfbreed have been fixing up some say anything. He seemed altogether past after all the correct one? more evidence, buh? You figure that occupied with the amazing real ty of not the paragraph she had I can't catch 'em this time and work her presence. burned been nothing more than the the brands over, so they'll stand Y6's, Billy Louise fought for him; fought Well, you've overplayed your hand, about six months," said Bil's Louise. with her stern, youthful judgment old-timer. I let you fellows down easy, Her eyes went comprehensively about which was so uncompromising. It takes last time. I don't reckon Foxy object- that end of the cabin, with the deyears of close contact with life to ed much to those few I turned back to pleted cracker box, the tialf-emptied give one a sure understanding of human weakness and human endeavor. kicking when you found I'd cut the the buckets that were all but empty At the ford, when Blue would have rope so it wouldn't hold your rotten of water. She was should at the piticrossed and taken the trail home, Billy carcass. You can't let well enough ful evidence of long belplessness. She ouise reined him impulsively the alone though You thought you'd raise did not quite uncerstand. Surely other way. Until that instant she had me, did you? You thought you'd come Ward's cold had not kept him in bed not intended to seek Ward, but once back and try another whack at me be- so long. her fingers had twitched the reins hind my back. You knew flanged well against Blue's neck, she did not hesi- I wasn't the kind of man that would laughter," she said briskly, to hide how

This time I'm going to get you-and water pail and started for the door. She did not know what she would Foxy and the breed along with you. It As she passed the foot of the bunk, do or what she would say when she was a rotten trick, running Y6's over she confiscated the two revolvers and piness because she was there, in the Seabeck's brand. If I hadn't caught took them outside with her. She had cabin. The two mares fed dispiritedly at you in the act, you'd have planted no desire to be mistaken again for the lowest corner of the field, their them cattle where all h-l couldn't Buck Olney. hair rough with exposure to the win- have saved me when they were found. When she came back Ward's eyes that's going to be the only one-Oh, ter winds and the storms, their ribs If I hadn't caught you at it and run were wild again, and he started up Ward, it isn't!" She knelt and curved to pieces with the New York hetels for With all the hay he had put MK monograms over the whole cheese, in bed and glared at her. Billy Lou- an arm around his face and kissed saving more than a thousand barrels up. Ward might at least keep his I'd have been up against it for fair. Ise laughed at him and told him to lie him again and yet again. "I do love of flour a week and some 17 tons of horses in better shape. Billy Louise | So now you're going to get what's coming to yuh. I won't take any chances recalled to himself by her voice, horrid thing, and I'm ashamed to the less occasions that are so popular now,

"You throw that gun on the bed." cough-coated, trotting down a shallow (Billy Louise did so, her eyes still she held a cup to his lips and saw how do, and you don't whine about it; and "Tis a fair picture to gaze upon, but rulley to meet Blue. The two horses upon Ward's flushed face.) "Now, get greedly he drank, a little sob broke I've been weak and—horrid; and I'll honor where honor is due! That nachammed together whenever Ward down that tablet from the shelf, unexpectedly from her lips. She have to love you about a million years tient hero, the hotel patron, ought to was at the Welverine. Billy Louise Here's a pencil." He drew one from gritted her teeth after it and forced before I can quit feeling ashamed." pulled up and waited till Rattler under his pillow and tossed it toward a laugh. reached her. He and Blue rubbed her. "Now you write the truth about noses, and Blue taid back his ears and all this rustling. It's a bigger thing shook his head with teeth bared, in than shows right in this neighborhood. lay on his brow. playful pretense of anger. Rattler I know that. And I know, too, that kicked up his heels in disdain at the Foxy has been pulling down some on had for a month," he told her, drop- closer, brows. Ward might neglect his stock, and rebranded MK. I've got that sized Fortune's still playing football with Butbut he would never neglect Rattler up. Pretty smooth trick, too; a heap me, William. I've been laid up with like this. And he must be at home, better than working brands. He ought a broken leg for about six weeks. And Ward stifled another cough. "When was good for us, but the price was She struck Blue suddenly with her crook never is satisfied. I knew he handle myself again, I put myself out She atruck Blue suddenly with her crook never is satisfied. I knew he handle myself again, I put myself out of business for a while, and caught cough, I s'pose." Once more Billy Louhelped make meat and bread cheaper trail where the snow lay in shaded, out, and when I saw some of his stock this cold before I came to and crawled ise, for the good of her patient, forced and paid as much as if we were maker. ty patches rimmed with dirt. The and that gate fixed to ring a bell when back into bed. I'm-sure glad you herself into safe flippancy-that was ing them dearer. traff was untracked save by the loose it was opened, I knew he was a crook. showed up, old girl. I was getting up not flippant at all, but merely a tender

at Rattler. There was no sign of re- "I want you to write down the herself rigidly back from any emocent suddle marks along his side, no truth about that Hardup deal; who tional expression. She could not af- to get well," she said. "Keep your food administration furnishes a jazz telltale imprint of the cinch under his was in with you. I know, all right, but ford to "go to pieces" now. She tried hands under the covers while I make band of statistical admiration for their Blind unreasoning terror filled Billy to know how long Foxy's been in with would do, in such a case. Her hospi- to be stopped immediately—to once." shrinking the meals and swelling the Louise. She struck Blue again and you, and who's working the game on tal experience would be of some use plunged into the key creek crossing the outside. Get busy; write it all here, she told herself. She remem- about the stove, never once looking not governmental encouragement. mear the stable. She stopped there down. I'll give you all the time you bered reading somewhere that no exjust long enough to see how empty need; don't leave out anything. Dates perience is valueless, if one only apand desolate it was, and how the and all, I want the whole graft. Don't plies the knowledge gained. horses and cattle had huddled against try to get away. I've got this gun



loaded to the guards, and you know You've got to!" she whispered to trembling knees, pretended to write. expectedly and completely. She went

She thought she would find waver, saw his eyes wander aimlessly looked the last time at mommie's still halation of carbonic oxide, and snake But it is well for humanity that this about the room. She sat very still face, held in that terrifying calm. She bite, too, are said to be followed by Ward's fingers loosen on the revolver, together,

CHAPTER XV.

The Hookin'-Cough Man. he looked up.

From her crouching position she remained close enough for a danger
"Mommie would say you ought to textiles."

veloped into black certainty just when and go over and sit in that chair. I've fairly steady. She bit the pencil ab- another cure-all." sently, watching him.

rocky gorge. She had come to have a truth, up to a certain point. Ward was the pillow and coughed again. Billy corner of the cabin within easy reach. of-factness that cost her something; vague comprehension of the tempta- sick; so sick he didn't know her. Louise got up quietly, went close to She went first down to the stable and for Billy Louise's innate modesty was tion Ward must have felt. She had She thought she would better humor the bed, and laid her hand on his fore- led Blue inside and unsaddled him. only just topped by her good sense. come to accept pityingly the possibility him. She got up and went and sat in head. His head was hot, and the veins

hand came up uncertainly and caught as doing. And yet—
"So you came back, did yuh?" he her fingers closely. "Wilhelmina"That's bad enough, but to try and asked grimly at last. "Well, you didn't mine!" he said, in his hoarse voice. fasten evidence on som ne else!" get a chance to plug me in the back. His eyes cleared to sanity under her Billy Louise gritted her tex over the How long did you lay up there on the touch. Billy Louise drew a small sigh of redone that very thing. How could she when I wasn't looking? I've been wish- lief and reached unobtrusively with help it? She had seen the corral and ing I'd left that rope so it would have her free hand for the gun. She slid

picked it up quite openly and laid it "You've got a terrible cold; and from and I'll get railronded to the pen, the looks of things, you've had it for

"Well, this is no time for mirth or

tate; she did not even argue with her- Jump the country. You knew you'd close she was to hysteria, "since it self. She just glanced up at the sun, find me right here, attending to my looks very much like 'the morning after.' First, we've got to tackle that "But you've overplayed your hand, fever of yours." She picked up a

Farther stong, Billy Louise heard a on your not trying it again. I'm going obeyed. She got the washbasin and middle of my bones. You're my own a writer in Collier's observes. Pro-

bantered and wet her handkerchief to "Are you through being pals, Wil-

the side. He never puld for all the ping back to the pillow, refreshed to "No, I'm just beginning. Just be- large as a postal card, plus one tablestock that's running around vented the point of clear thinking. "Old Lady ginning right. I'm your pal for keeps. to have been satisfied with that-but a when I got gay and thought I could are you going to -marry me?"

"Looks like it." Billy Louise held I want it down on paper. And I want to think just what a trained nurse some tea. That fever of yours has got efforts. These bonifaces who are "First," she said cheerfully, "the pa-

tient must be kept quiet and cheerful. So don't go jumping up and down on nurse forbids it. And smile, if it kills

Ward grinned appreciatively. Sick as he was, he realized the gameness of Billy Louise; what he failed to real ize was the gameness of himself. "I'm a pretty worthless specimen right now," he said apologetically. "But I'm yours to command, Bill-the-Conk.

cup of tea, patient?"

mato can sugar bowl in her hands.

ou could think of, but that's the way white. with a patient. Patients always want what they mustn't have," "Sure-get it, too." Ward spoke be

mommie?" "Oh, Ward! She's dead-mommie's of atropin and skopolamin, red ones dead!" Billy Louise broke down un- Quinine and too much tobacco like-From under her lashes she watched down on her knees beside the bed and cylic acid, digitalin and phenacetin

"You be s-still." she commanded

"Well, I'll go out and find some sage, undershirt she found hanging on a She did not spend all her time pick-

Ward meekly submitted to being covered to his eyes. Then he wriggled his chin free and demanded that she kiss



She Went Down on Her Knees Beside the Bed and Cried.

him. Ward was fairly drunk with hap-

"Ward Warren, you're a perfectly awful hookin'-cough man! There, Now down like a nice buckaroo, and Ward, you, Ward. I've been a weak-kneed a towel and prepared to bathe his brave buckaroo always - always! vision dealers report a falling off in head. He wanted a drink. And when You've done what no other man would sales, and all is lovely and statistical. "You're sure a hard drinker," she of remorse for her doubts of him.

belmina?" Ward broke rules and freed "That's the first decent drink I've an arm, so that he could hold her

"I love you for keeps, lady mine."

felt Ward's eyes worshipping her. and found a bottle of turpentine; sir- | just as he used to be.

your broken leg. Ward Warren; the ACCOUNTS FOR GHOST COLORS

Eye Is Especially Sensitive to Two Kinds of Perceptions, Light and Color Predominating.

ghosts always seen clothed in white, a scientist states:

Still, there are also colored appariimmoderate use of hashish produces treated. violent visions; of alcohol, blue ones; wise produce red visions, while sali-

haven't got any broken leg and- sular report, says the Nebraska State ties that are divine, and we are not hookin' cough." She managed a laugh Journal. Large quantities could be had advanced far enough to possess or apthen and took Ward's hand from her at about 12 cents a pound, and with preciate such qualities. Our educahair and laid it down on the blankets. the colors produced cotton can be dyed tion is still too incomplete.-Pathfinder. "Now we won't talk about things any black, indigo, dark gray, gray or sibilities. She saw Ward's fin- rose and stood looking down at him of the extract being as a material addof the extract being as a major of the "Becausing 30 per cent to the weight of the pieces."

looked into Ward's fever-wild eyes. ously quick gripping of it again, if the have a good sweat," she decided. "Got upy and yellowed with age, but pun-He was sitting up in the bunk, and he whim seized him. Still—surely to any ginger?" was pointing his big forty-five at her goodness, Ward would never get crazy "I dunno. I guess not," Ward mut- lard in a small bucket and melted half a cupful. Then she tore up a woolen

> "You gotta be greased all over your Ward turned his head restlessly on ling sage twigs. A bush grew at the lungs," she announced with a matter-Ward was lying quiet when she went | Ward submitted without protest

were swollen and throbbing on his in, except that he was waving her while she bared his chest and applied handkerchief to and fro by the cor- the warm mixture with a smoothly vigthe surface. She had set herself way, sneered at her in a way that "Brave Buckaroo got a headache?" ners to cool it. Billy Louise took it orous palm. "That'll fix the hookin' stanchly beside him as his friend, who would help him win back his selfrespect. She felt sure that he must at the change in him to feel any fear cough, too. Got every measly thing he from under the covers. That, she said, from shoulder, "How does "Great," he assured her succinctly,

and wisely omitted any love making

"Will your game leg let you turn over? Because there's some dope left. and it ought to go between your shoul-"The game leg ought to stand more

than that," he told her, turning slowly, me, I'd have been trying to walk on it "Better give it time-since you've while and take care of it. I don't be-

lieve I'd have had nerve enough for that, Ward." She poured turpentine and lard into her palm, reached inside his collar and rubbed it on his shoulders. "Good thing you had plenty of grub handy. But it must have been "It was pretty lonesome," he admit-

ted laconically, and that was as far as his complainings went.

Billy Louise then poured the water off the sage leaves she had been brewing in a tin basin, carefully fished out a stem or two, and made Ward drink every bitter drop. Then she covered him to the eyes and hardened her heart against his discomfort, while she kept the handkerchief cool on his head and between times swept the floor with a carefully dampened broom and wiped the dust off things, and restored the room to its most cheerful atmosphere of livableness.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PATRONS ARE THE PATRIOTS Customers of Some Hotels Profit Very

Little by New Plan of Conservation of Food Supply.

The food administration is pleased meat a day by these wheatless-meat-She kissed him again with a passion he pays the full price and eats the

half portion. "Save wheat-use corn"-bread is 10 cents, corn bread is 15 cents. As a transient consumer, the other noon, we paid 90 cents for a slice of beef as spoonful of creamed potatoes, plus a bit of Yorkshire pudding about the size of a watch. No doubt it was all that more. If the widely known principles

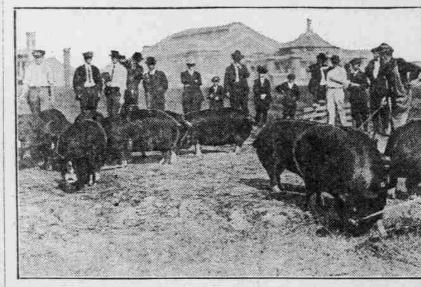
it better to be one than to trim one? "Now it's up to you to show me The hotel keepers of Manhattan are whether you are in any hurry at all playing both sides of the game and the She went over and busied herself prices need something all right, but that the war has not changed his func-

dedly mature years would, if asked how old was the use of slats in beds, In reply to an inquiry why are call the four-post couches with the ly a vast amount of labor may be exrope meshes that supported the ticks, pended and but little accomplished beand would answer that slats must have This is easily accounted for. As come in about a century ago. They there have been no ghosts during his- would together only furnish additional "Nope, I'm the cook, right now. I've torical times, we must assume that in proof of the additional shortness of got a hunch. How would you like a all cases where ghosts have been act- the public memory. Because, be it ually seen we have to do with mere known, the inventor of these supports "I'd rather have coffee-Doctor Wil- hallucinations caused by fever or some just recently died in this city at the Fifty-One Experienced Poultrymen other disorders of the observer, where, age of seventy-three years, says Cintherefore, the organ of sense, and par- cinnati Enquirer. It was only about in ten minutes." Then she weakened ticularly the eyes, registered impres- forty years ago that he designed the before his imploring eyes. "You really sions of objects that had no corre- bed that rendered useless the old oughtn't to drink coffee, with that fe- sponding external existence. Accord- cords and permitted the use of the ver, Ward. But, maybe if I don't make ing to the minute descriptions of such now almost universal pad or box matit very strong and put in lots of apparitions given by patients to their tress. Corded beds are now as obsocream- We'll take a chance, bucks- physicians, the ghosts, with rare ex- lete as the saber-toothed tiger or the to aid in carrying out the department reptions, were "clad in white." Now, pterodactyl. Couches of this variety, of agriculture's program for the stim-"How much sugar, patient?" Billy our eye is sensitive to two kinds of venerable with years, still exist as ulation of poultry and egg production. Louise turned toward him with the to- perceptions, viz., light and color. In show pieces, but their owners have Most of these men have had 10 years' this case, where no definite color was surreptitiously substituted slats and "None, I want to taste the coffee, perceived, the hallucination, in which supports for the ropes and pegs. In only the organs of the eye sensitive short, they are shams. There are for 20 to 29 years, and four have been and while it is true that sheep have "Oh, all right! It's the worst thing to light are affected, is declared to be other familiar utilities just as young in the industry 30 years or more. toothbrushes, for example. The grandfathers who slept on the cords never tions of ghosts; nay, we can introduce dreamed of a detachable linen collar, into the body substances calculated to ror the grandmothers of "aber slik" tween long, satisfying gulps. "How's impair our sense of color. Thus, the stockings made of cotton chemically

Qualities That Are Divine, "Men are the sport of circumstances," said Byron. Bayard Taylor expressed the same idea when he said: She never doubted that Ward was Ward curiously. She saw his attention cried as she had not cried since she cause light yellow sensations. The in- "Men's lives are chains of chances." element of chance, as we call it for want of a better name, enters into everything. We sometimes grieve and chafe because we can't understand things that are beyond us; we think

> "I told Smith to collect himself." "Why did you tell him that?" "Because I saw he was going to

PIG CLUBS HAVE CAUSED BIG INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR REGISTERED BREEDERS



Purebred Pigs Raised by Pig Club Members Being Judged at a State Fair. Prepared by the United States Depart- | hogs for farmers. Farmers also pur-

In some sections of the country the partment of agriculture began its boys sows, producing 496 pigs. They also and girls pig club work.

have practically insisted that only and 41 sows (purebreds) purchased purebred pigs could be used in the by farmers, as a result of pig-club breeding projects. This necessitated work in communities, during the sec the importing of registered pigs of both ond year of the club." sexes. The results of the demonstrations made by members handling these "If I hadn't got this cold tacked onto pigs under instruction from the pig- which purebred breeding stock is be- make The club leader have caused a great de- ing introduced into sections where they club members' demonstrations of the gilts were placed with as many pig been game enough to lie here all this advantages and possibilities of well-club members. The bankers of the in demand for breeding stock from the tered stock, allow it to deteriorate, ing place in the free range choleraprices-thus destroying the demand the work. One professor says, "Pig- the club members in this region where mand for breeding stock that this state the ravages of hog cholera. has ever experienced."

Demand Registered Pigs. ducing pigs of sufficient merit to meet creases in swine population on Sep 402 pigs. They also sired 47 purebred mentioned.

chased three boars and 36 sows. The second year in the work the club had need for better breeding stock was out- 42 members who had six purebred standing when the United States de- boars. They sired 71 litters from scrub sired 104 purebred pigs. The agent In such cases the pig-club agents adds, "I think I can trace seven boars

Introducing Purebreds. Arkansas typifies the manner in

mand for pigs "just like Sonny's." The are needed. Last year 1,800 purebred bred swine when intelligently fed and state financed the members. This year managed have caused a great increase between 2,200 and 2,400 pigs also were placed in a similar manner. Another purebred breeders. At first the breed- instance of the introduction of wellers were inclined to be skeptical, as bred breeding stock and the re-estab they expected the boys to buy regis- lishment of a waning industry is takthen offer purebred scrub pigs at meat infested section of eastern Texas. The pig-club agent, assisted by the Fort for the breeders' pigs. The breeders Worth Stock Yards Co. and the state were happily disappointed and are now and federal veterinarians, is sending lending their support and backing to many car lots of immunized sows to club work has created the greatest de- the industry was being destroyed by

Increased Swine Population Demonstrations of the sort are of In some cases the refusal of club far-reaching importance. The swine members to accept anything but reg- breeders and swine-record associations istered pigs has induced breeders to bear witness that there is great dehave their herds registered in order mand for purebred breeding stock, esthat they might share in the demand pecially in the Southern states. The for pigs by club members. A typical pig-club members take many purebred case of the influence the purebred pigs | pigs and have been a powerful stimubrought in by pig-club members is lus in creating demand among the given by a county agent in Arkansas. adults. It is interesting to note that When the agent began work there of the four states, Mississippl, Georgia, were two breeders in the county pro- Virginia, and Delaware, reporting inthe demands of the club work. In the tember 1, 1917, over September 1, 1916, first year of his work he had 35 pig- Mississippi and Georgia stand second club members. Four of these members and third in pig-club enrollment. These secured registered boars. These boars | two states report an increase of 90,000 sired 58 litters of pigs from scrub hogs while the country at large shows sows, thereby improving the blood of a decrease of 5,000,000 for the period

Rocking-Chair Methods Are Unavailing-Hard Work Is Necessary to Eradicate Them.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) In a sense, farming might be called a warfare against weeds. Some farmers emerge from the struggle victorious, while others go down to defeat. So powerful are weed enemies in reducing crop yields, while at the same time multiplying labor, that the farmer should at every turn strengthen his position against them. He should bear these invaders in mind in planning the crops he will grow and in deciding on the fields where he will grow these crops, in choosing the implements he will use, in buying his seed, and in many other farm activities. Lack of careful planning with reference to munity. Here a man planted more corn than he could properly care for. There a man has left his field in did not thoroughly prepare his land for alfalfa. There a man has seeded clover that was full of weed seeds. And for just such causes weeds not only make serious inroads on the current She hunted through the cupboards tion at all-he's the paying goat now crop yields, but at the same time thoroughly infest the land and fortify

themselves against future attacks. Some men do not attack weeds with enough vigor; they look for rockingchair methods of work. There is no royal road to weed control. In the main, the old doctrine of "hard work reply that it was as ancient as beds and plenty of it" must be observed, but themselves. The older folks would re- unless this work is applied intelligentyond a temporary abatement of the

AID FOR POULTRY CAMPAIGN

Employed as Emergency Workers in Thirty-Three States.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.) Fifty-one experienced poultrymen are employed as emergency workers experience or more in the industry. Seventeen have been in poultry work sheep are hard to care for and handle, Included in the workers are a poul- anything difficult in the care and mantryman of international reputation, a agement of a flock of sheep. All that vice-president of the American Poultry is needed is an exercise of patience, association, several editors of poultry perseverance and good judgment, Any

and breeding fowls and more than a business, few are experienced breeders of exhibition standard-bred poultry. In co-operation with the state agricultural colleges of 33 states these mally large or small, those which are men are urging everyone who is in a too long, too round, flattened on one position to do so to keep poultry and side, elliptical, wedge-shaped, and to handle it in such a way as to those which have any excrescence or obtain maximum results.

Weeds Reduce Crop Yields. Considering the principal crops in the United States, it is estimated that likes those that are sound, correct weeds reduce the yield of corn by 10 types, smooth, of good quality, style, per cent; tame hay, 3 to 16 per cent; speed and action. 12 to 15 per cent; winter grain, 5 to 9

per cent; tobacco, fruit, and truck

crops, 0 to 5 per cent; pasture, 5 to 50

Watch Young Chickens. Young chickens should be closely die together or get chilled.

Recommendations Given for Mainte nance and Extension of Domestic Cane-Sugar Output.

The growers of cane and sugar beets can materially increase the nation's supply of sugar by giving better care to their crops so that the yields will be increased. Following are recommendations for the maintenance and extension of the domestic cane-sugar supply: Extend the cane-growing areas; use better cultural methods: adopt a croprotation system: improve cane varie ties: control diseases and insects: utilize more by-products; feed tops and leaves to live stock; substitute cane sirup for sugar; improve the grade of sirup; produce raw sugar to conserve the refined sugar.

To maintain and increase the domes tic beet-sugar output the following recommendations are given:

Improve cultural methods; practice proper methods of crop rotation and cultivation; feed by-products to live stock; work for maximum mill runs; cultivate new areas: drain wet areas and cultivate them; develop new irrigation systems and extend the old ones; induce more farmers to grow b-ets; harvest the beets more carefully; develop labor-saving machinery; Just produce an adequate supply of highgrade sugar-beet seed, and develop better strains of sugar beets.

***** CONTROL PASTURE WEEDS (Prepared by the United States De-

bitterweed, and the ragweed cause great annoyance to dairy-men and milk dealers. These tweeds, when eaten by milch

weeds, when eaten by milch cows, give a very disagreeable odor and flavor to the milk, and consequently to all other dairy products. When cows eat such weeds in large quantities, the milk is not marketable. The control of pasture weeds is a big problem to dairymen in certain areas.

The temperature may be made agreeable by constant exercise with wall weights, dumb bells and rowing machines. On heatless days you can thus fool your landlord and yourself at the same time.

Place a large Japanese umbrella up against the ceiling in the library where the radiator upstairs has leaked through.

No Difficulty With Sheep Many persons have the idea that

peculiarities, there are no secrets nor publications and a number of well- country with dry, open winters, abunknown judges of poultry. All have dance of roughage and splendid marhad practical experience in handling kets has a decided advantage in this

> Discard all eggs which are abnorridge.

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Back the sideboard up against the place where the wainscoting was blistered during a chafing dish party given by your predecessors. By keeping the player-piano going you can easily occreome the banging

Anastasia over the bad place in the

of the faulty radiator in the living The temperature may be made agree

through.

hang them one over the other, the picture of your relatives on the bottom and those of your wife's relatives or where the genuine marble has peeled

off the bathroom wall,-Richmond Times-Dispatch. Monotonous Selections. "What on earth is the matter with this piano?" "I think what it needs is change of

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